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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/806,313

Applicant(s)

CAO ET AL.

Examiner

Patrice Winder

Art Unit

2145

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 23 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3-23-04.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the content does not reflect the present embodiment of applicant's invention. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Robert Franz, WO 98/37680 A2 (hereafter referred to as Franz).
5. Regarding claim 22, Franz taught a method of alerting a recipient of an electronic message from a given source (abstract), comprising:
 - identifying a recipient of a received electronic message (page 6, lines 12-17);
 - identifying a source of said received electronic message (page 6, lines 12-17);
 - comparing said source of said electronic message to a predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone (page 6, lines 12-17); and

if said source is identified in said predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone, dialing a telephone number for said recipient and telephonically alerting said recipient of said received electronic message from a predefined source (page 6, lines 17-24).

6. Regarding dependent claim 23, Franz taught wherein said electronic message is an email message (page 6, lines 12-13).

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Owens et al., USPN 6,633,630 B1 (hereafter referred to as Owens).

9. Regarding claim 22, Owens taught a method of alerting a recipient of an electronic message from a given source (column 10, lines 35-39), comprising:

identifying a recipient of a received electronic message (column 9, lines 21-31);

identifying a source of said received electronic message (column 11, lines 62-67, column 15, lines 18-39);

comparing said source of said electronic message to a predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone (column 16, lines 23-37); and

if said source is identified in said predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone, dialing a telephone number for said recipient and telephonically alerting said recipient of said received electronic message from a predefined source (column 11, lines 62-67, column 12, lines 22-25).

10. Regarding dependent claim 23, Owens taught wherein said electronic message is an email message (column 11, lines 62-67).

Conclusion

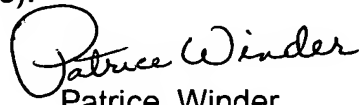
11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

12. Skladman et al., USPN 6,400,810 B1: taught a messaging system including a notification system for notifying subscribers of incoming e-mail messages, wherein the notification system can alert subscribers by multiple techniques including voice mail.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrice Winder whose telephone number is 571-272-3935. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30 am-7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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